

man of Board of Supervisors. ONLY OPPONENT LIABILITIES ARE \$3553.85

was Fifteen to Nine on J. S. McClelland ed Overseer of the Poor.

the new Board of super- afternoon at 1 o'clock on- for the purpose of or- lecting a chairman and an- pear. The meeting was by Clerk Frank Todd is really a new one there change, there being only who were not super- visors.

Walter of Kenney takes L. Ganes of Latham as ve of Austin township. ter of Brady takes the as the Blue Mound rep- Jacob Barnes (f Decatur of J. A. Davidson. The re- flected to their offices on were James Hollinger e of Decatur, J. E. Rock- rock township John J. tic M. A. Nickey of Oak- of Pleasant View and of Whitmore.

members of the board who as follows: John Allen, ord, Fred W. Kipp, W. H. W. Stoy of Decatur, J. N. Creek, Jacob Lebo of Hays of Hickory Point, Hlini, David Wellpoff of Beat of Milan, W. M. n, O. H. Draper of South Miller of South Wheat- Gorin.

election the Democrats man on the board. Mr. uocrat and succeeds Mr. a Republican. There ublicans and nine Dem- ard.

MAN ELECTED. f a permanent chairman up. Mr. Stoy nominated ents and Mr. Hollinger nomination. Mr. Miller am Best of Milan. It res takes an informal bal- e Gorin, Spence and Mil- ed tellers. The result of as follows:

ot—Ori 16. Best 7. Orr 15. Best 14. declared elected chairman the ensuing year and took ote was a party one. The of the board held a caucus ng and decided upon Mr. addressed the members, ould do all he could to rman.

BER OF POOR. B. Gorin resigned the of poor and the resign- ed. Supervisors Stoy, were appointed as a con- sultary of the overseer. e recommended that the rseer be raised from \$300 The report was accept- and J. S. McClelland was nation.

of business were brought before adjournment. EERS REPORT. and, overseer of the poor nship, submitted to the which was taken from rts on file in the office of. The report shows the r the poor during the and for the 21 months difference in the expend t 21 months as compared 21 months are shown to

Y.....\$7875.25 ing and shoes, 541.74 etc., less by..... 37.75 ers, more by..... 24.00 s, less by..... 2557.56 and nursing sick 126.87 ures for the past 21 en, \$11,095.90 less than revious, which means a nth to the county of tal expenditures from ch '96 were \$24,826.07, 96 to March '93 they

to Go Back. I. T., April 21.—Rumors eling near Fort Silu by its Apache band, caused e of the troops of cavalry hush Springs on its way

GROGER FAILED. Paul Huillier Made an As- signment This Morning.

LIABILITIES ARE \$3553.85

And the Assets Are Over \$4000-- John S. Campbell Named as As- signee--Creditors Mostly Decatur Firms.

In the county court this morning Paul Huillier the grocer, made a voluntary as- signment for the benefit of his creditors. John S. Campbell is named as assignee. The total liabilities amount to \$3753.85 and the assets are estimated at \$4115.23. The creditors are mostly Decatur firms with whom the assignor transacted busi- ness.

Mr. Huillier has been conducting a grocery store and meat market at 333 North Water street in the Hizer building. He had a good store and a nice stock of goods but carried large book accounts and had collections forced him to make an assignment.

Below is given a detailed list of the obligations and assets:

LIABILITIES.	
John S. Bethard & Co., Peoria.....	\$358.63
Early Breakfast Coffee Co., Chicago.....	20.15
W. O. Wallace & Co., Chicago.....	45.33
E. D. Hall & Co., Chicago.....	49.97
D. B. Scully & Co., Chicago.....	20.14
Barnett Bros., Chicago.....	17.35
Tri City Packing Co., Davenport, Iowa.....	29.16
C. F. Blank & Co., Chicago.....	14.15
Franklin McVeagh Co., Chicago.....	455.75
Plant Creamery Co., Bement.....	8.60
The Decatur creditors are as follows:	
J. Mullikin & Co.....	\$217.48
Parke & Son.....	53.50
George Illser.....	312.69
W. P. Hunter.....	71.35
A. Jordan Co.....	43.46
Geo. R. Bacon.....	21.07
McGusker & Davidson.....	35.03
J. Y. Chisholm.....	30.13
Stadler & McClelland.....	184.01
D. F. Riddell.....	411.65
Shellabarger Mill Co.....	92.76
G. J. Danzisen & Sons.....	23.27
Fred Stern.....	9.45
Decatur Cracker Co.....	63.94
Burt & Co.....	37.86
Max Atlas.....	7.65
John Washburn.....	5.60
John Harten.....	750.00
Decatur Milling Co.....	36.50
Total liabilities.....	\$3553.85

ASSETS.	
All that stock of groceries, consisting of coffees, teas, spices, canned goods, candies, cigars, tobacco, flour, meats, dried fruits and all other goods and merchandise now located in the store building at 333 N. Main street, valued at about.....	
Fixtures in store, valued at about.....	\$75.00
Team of horses, harness and wagon, valued at.....	250.00
Book accounts and notes amount- ing to.....	1940.23
Cash in hand.....	50.00
Total assets.....	\$4115.23

CIRCUIT COURT.

Case Against Col. Mathias—The Suit Against Linn & Scruggs Dismissed.

The case of Milton Trotter vs. Col. Adam Mathias was on trial in the circuit court today. Trotter is suing Mathias for damages claimed to be due him. The jury hearing the case is composed of the following:

Geo. M. Huff, John O. Myers, J. C. Kruse, Paul Kustner, Charles B. Hughes, Bert Momma, William J. Scott, J. C. Hatchelder, Charles Dickinson, Peter O. Beck, Gus Hase, Hugh Moore.

The entries on the court docket today were as follows:

COMMON LAW.

E. T. Coleman for the use of E. E. Gib- son, vs. Linn and Scruggs Dry Goods and Carpet Company, assumpsit. Suit dismissed by defendant at its cost.

Henry Shlaudemman vs. R. P. Johnson, and Willis Johnson, Sr., confession. Judgment by confession against defend- ant for \$777.60 and costs and immediate execution.

Milton Trotter vs. Col. Adam Mathias, appellant. Trial by jury.

Killed in a Wreck.

Rockester, N. Y., April 21.—In a freight wreck on the New York Central at Fairport, John Hare, Edward Jones and Frank Dowd, trainmen, were killed.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

WAR

The American Fleet Gone to Havana to Blockade the Spanish Harbor.

Spain's "Good Luck" Steamer a Prize--Brought to a Halt by the First Gun of the War Fired by the Cruiser, Nashville--President McKinley Says the War is Now On--Blockade Proclamation is Issued.

The First Gun--A Capture.

Key West, April 22--The cruiser Nashville captured the Spanish ship Buena Ventura, one thousand tons, having on board a cargo of lumber. She was on her way from the coast of Texas. The cruiser fired a six-pounder and the Spaniard surrendered. The Nashville towed the prize into this port at 11 o'clock this morning and put the prize crew on board. The news of the capture of the Spaniard set the people here crazy with enthusiasm. All work is suspended. The docks are crowded with people.

NOTE--The English translation of the Spanish name of the captured steamer is "Good Luck"--for Uncle Sam.

Blockade Proclamation.

Washington, April 22--President McKinley has signed the proclamation notifying all nations of the Havana harbor blockade.

Later--The President this afternoon issued a proclamation announcing blockade that all ports on the north coast of Cuba and Port Cienfuegos on the south coast.

Key West, April 22.--The North Atlantic squadron, except the monitors Terror and Puritan and smaller vessels, sailed at 5:45 this morning to blockade Havana.

Besides the monitors the vessels left behind were the gunboat Helena, the cruiser Marblehead, the dispatch boat Dolphin and the torpedo boats Cushing, Dupont and Porter.

The Fleet. Ice ships which sailed away so noiselessly, yet fraught with such momentous possibilities were: Admiral Sampson's flagship, the New York; the battleships Iowa and Indiana; the cruisers Cincinnati, Detroit and Nashville; the gunboats Wilmington, Gastine, Machias, Newport, Monitor and Amphitrite; the cable repair boat Mangrove; the torpedo boat destroyer, Mayflower, and the torpedo boat Fouts. The Associated Press dispatch boat, Dauntless, left with the fleet.

These torpedo boats also sailed with the fleet, Dupont, Porter, Winslow, Ericson and Cushing.

Others to Follow.

Why the powerful monitors, Puritan and Terror did not sail with the fleet could not be learned, but it is said they may follow shortly. The Marblehead is taking on water and will doubtless join the fleet in a day or two. The Ferno went to Tampa for ammunition and will doubtless convey it to the fleet from there.

It was gray dawn when the flagship began flashing signals to the vessels of the fleet to get under way. It was curious when the smaller vessels which have been lying in the inner harbor had steamed out to where the big battleships lay, and forming a semi-circle, with an area three miles in extent, sailed away on the momentous mission.

Uncle Sam's First Capture.

Key West, Florida, April 22.--The United States fleet is reported to have captured a Spanish freight steamer not far from a this place.

The Flying Squadron.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 22.--The flying squadron is still in the bay. There is great activity on board all the ships.

Events at Washington City.

Washington, April 22.--The state department is preparing a proclamation announcing the blockade of Havana harbor. A note to the powers is in preparation defining our attitude as to privateering and the commercial phases of war.

The war department will issue a volunteer call as soon as the volunteer bill is signed.

Still Another.

Key West, April 12.--A rumor that the Spanish Cruiser Alfonso XII has been blown up by American Cruiser Current here, but is discredited by those best qualified to judge.

the war on now, and no time will be lost in forcing an issue. It is understood that the administration will not recommend a declaration of war by congress.

War Declaration Saturday.

It is expected that as soon as the ultimatum expires tomorrow congress will declare war. Notice to all nations that the United States proposes to blockade Havana will probably be sent today to all our foreign representatives.

Volunteer Proclamation.

Secretary Alger took the proclamation calling for the volunteers to the cabinet meeting for the president's signature. It will be for 50,000 men, for two years.

Troops and Artillery at Chickamauga.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 22.--The work of organizing the troops centering at Chickamauga into brigades and divisions has been begun. The cavalry and artillery formations are already completed. The infantry regiments will be organized into brigades as fast as they arrive.

Col. A. K. Reynolds, who arrived today from Fort Riley, Kan., was placed at the head of the first brigade of cavalry. Col. George G. Hunt, 2nd cavalry, 2nd brigade.

The artillery, which is divided into two brigades, was placed in command of Major Dillonback until the arrival of Colonel Randolph and Major Lancaster, when the latter will assume command of one brigade, both to be under Colonel Randolph.

The troops are coming in very rapidly; some 25 trains loads are expected during the day.

The Army Bill.

Washington, April 22.--The conferees of the house and senate have agreed on the amendments to the volunteer army bill. As agreed on the time of enlistment is made two years. The president is authorized to organize independent troops not to exceed 50,000. It is left optional whether the regimental and company officers of the militia shall be officers who have received commissions from governors of their states.

The senate went into executive session to consider the volunteer bill conference report. They agreed to the report and the bill now goes to the president.

The coal embargo resolutions have been signed and are now law.

The volunteer army bill has been signed by the speaker and vice president and sent to the president.

The senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of Senator Walthall.

Captain Sampson has been appointed acting rear admiral.

Spain Calling Out Troops.

Madrid, April 22.--A royal decree has been issued calling out 30,000 men of the reserves of 1897.

Rear Admiral Sampson.

Washington, April 22.--Captain Sampson will be nominated rear admiral of the American navy. After the war closes he will drop back to his old rank.

Want More Help.

Havana, April 22.--The colonial government has published a manifesto calling on the inhabitants to "repel the invaders."

Want to be Officers.

Springfield, April 22.--Nearly 8000 tenders of service are on file in the office of the adjutant general. None of these belong to the present militia. Most of them want to serve as officers.

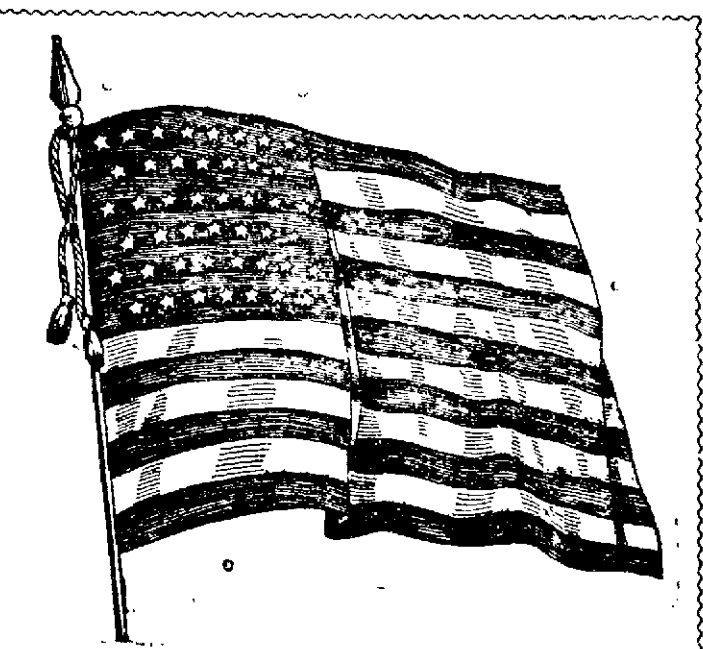
Groceries Going Up.

Sheboygan, Wis., April 22.--The people are making a mad rush to buy groceries, all looking for a rise in prices owing to the war.

Will Never Get Through.

New York, April 22.--The British steamer Alodene, heavily laden with provisions and ammunition, sailed for Havana today. It is not likely to reach its destination.

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"OLD GLORY." Emblem of Liberty and Vanguard of Civilization.

WOODFORD SAFE IN FRANCE

American Minister Meets With Insults and Attempted Assaults

ON HIS EXCITING EXIT FROM MADRID

Spanish Mobs Attack the Train and Break the Car Windows--Effort to Capture the General's Private Secretary a Failure.

Bayonne, France, April 22.--Minister Woodford, accompanied by his staff and others, reached the frontier from Madrid at 8 o'clock this morning safely, after several exciting experiences. The most important incident was at Tolosa, where the civil guard attempted to take Joaquin Moruno, the general's private secretary, from the train on a charge that he was a Spanish subject. Prompt and firm action on the part of Minister Woodford frustrated the contemplated action of the police. As Valladolid thousands invaded the station and attempted to mob the train, but the guards, with drawn swords, prevented further damage than broken windows.

GOING TO THE AID OF GOMEZ

Significant Movements Now in Progress--Envoy on His Way to Cuba.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 22.--From a reliable Cuban source it is learned that the New York junta has been preparing in the past month, through its Florida branch, to effectively aid General Gomez and the insurgents. Six large expeditions, it is stated, will leave at short notice now for Cuba. One will leave from New Orleans, two from near Mobile and four from Florida points, the exact locations not being learned. Paul Rojo, the well known Cuban pilot, who is in charge generally of the expeditions, went to New Orleans last night on the receipt of a telegram from there, saying that everything was ready. These expeditions hope, with the aid of the United States blockading fleet, to get into the insurgents' harbors and deliver the goods. Over 200 Cubans will go on the several vessels, while arms, ammunition and medical supplies will be large, besides ample supply of ammunition for General Garcia's dreaded dynamite guns. Though the Cubans here are keeping the matter quiet, yet it is well known that their plans are so well laid that the expeditions cannot help but be successful.

60,000 Cubans.

Washington, April 22.--An army officer has been dispatched to Cuba to make arrangements with the insurgents for co-operating with the United States forces. He is understood to be now in Cuba on his way to the camp of General Gomez.

There are now 35,000 Cubans in arms, and Senor Albertini, first secretary of the Cuban delegation here, says that an army of 60,000 men can be put in the field at any time, the only thing they need being arms, ammunition and camp supplies. These men know every foot of ground, are accustomed to the hardships of fighting in swamps and mountain passes, understand from experience the effective means of mapping Spanish strength and are fully acclimated.

Accident at Mowqua.

Reid Pounds, 65 years of age, and well known in Mowqua and the surrounding country, while engaged in raising a building at that place yesterday, was struck on the head by a scumpling which fell from the second story of the building. Mr. Pounds was stunned by the force of the blow, which cut a large scalp wound, and was last evening in quite a serious condition. It is thought, however, that he will recover.

Successful Social.

The Millinery and Peanut Hunt social given by the members of the choir of the United Brethren church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMahon of North Water street last evening, was quite a success. The young men trimmed hats and the young ladies bought them at 10 cents apiece. The prize for the most articles work done in trimming was won by Will Hanneke. The proceeds will go to buy music for the choir.

General Order No. 307.

ANNA A. ROGERS.

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SYNOPSIS.

Mrs. Helmsby's bungalow is a gathering place of the officers of the American squadron in the harbor of Yokohama. The great attraction is Rosamond Ackley. Mrs. Helmsby's sister. None has fallen more under the girl's charms than Ensign Ackley—no relation to Rosamond. Mrs. Postlewait gives a dinner to the officers of the American and English ships, and Admiral Kestor is greatly taken with Rosamond Ackley. During the dinner he receives a cable which causes him to laugh loudly, but he will not divulge its contents. The next day Ensign Ackley goes on shore to play tennis, and is informed when he returns to the ship that the captain wishes to see him immediately.

PART III.

As Ackley walked down the quarter deck, the chief's head popped up through the wardroom hatch and he exclaimed: "Congratulations, me boy!" then he leaned an elbow on the combing and went off into a roar of laughter. "Sorry to see you off again this way, chief—kill you some day," was Ackley's dry comment, in no mood for wardroom chaff.

"Tell the captain I am on board," he said to the cabin orderly.

The stocky little commander sat by his desk, his elbows resting on the arms of the revolving chair, the tips of his fingers together, and as Ackley entered he bent upon him a frowning look and after giving the cough of a much larger man, said sternly:

"I've just come off myself, Mr. Ackley, and found this—reaching round for a paper which he handed to the ensign—Will you be good enough to explain? I have been under some misapprehension regarding you, it appears."

Ackley read with amazement: "Ensign Bertram Ackley, U. S. Navy. 'U. S. S.'"

"Violation of the Department's General Order No. 307. You are hereby detached from duty on board the 'U. S. S.'—and placed on waiting orders. By direction of the Secretary of the Navy."

"Respectfully,"

PETER KOSTER,

"Rear Admiral,

"Commanding U. S. Navy Force on Asiatic Station."

"307? May I see the order, captain?"

"The young officer asked, half stunned."

"Certainly, certainly," and the com-



"I'VE JUST FOUND THIS."

mander wheeled condescendingly once again to his desk, and produced a sheet of paper, note size, from which Ackley read rapidly, half aloud:

"Naval officers attached to cruising war vessels, especially commanding officers, are expected to leave their families at their usual or fixed places of abode, and not to attempt to transfer to more convenient visiting points. Officers disregarding this injunction will be liable to be relieved from duty."

"By all the powers—the Secretary's 'woman order'! This is expensive and excessively rare," Ackley was off his head with relief and his laugh was good to hear. "I've no family, Captain, except on my Spanish estates. Wife? No, worse luck—women don't seem to know a good article when they see it—they don't seem to have that quick commercial—"

"That will do, Mr. Ackley; that will do! I regret to feel obliged to deny myself any of your witticisms."

"I beg your pardon, sir. May I ask the executive officer for a boat, Captain?"

"The sooner I get over to the flagship and make my peace with the admiral—"

"The flagship's under way, sir," reported the orderly, appearing suddenly in the doorway. Ackley stared.

"I—er—was about to say, when I got an opportunity, that the admiral signaled over while I was ashore. His next port is Nagasaki, and until then there's nothing to be done but obey orders. Good afternoon, Mr. Ackley."

The chief engineer and the doctor were waiting for him outside the cabin door. They nabbed their prize and dragged him over to the rail where they leaned watching the flagship head about for the Straits. The chief began, actually trembling with the desire to talk it over.

"The mistake was made at the Postlewait function. You see, you were both there and they say the admiral was late—" Then the doctor lifted up his voice:

"And only half got the names. The truth of the matter being the old man's membranes tympani—" The chief snapped in:

"And mistook Miss for Mrs., the names being the same. And—"

"Give a man a show, chief," drawled the doctor. "Well, the cable the admiral got after dinner was an order from the secretary—"

"Detaching all the officers who had wives on the station," interpolated the chief, at a breath.

"Nothing mean about you, is there?" said the doctor, looking down at the little man by his side, who returned the glance proudly. When they looked around Ackley was gone.

As the senior ensign strode up the hill, the next morning, toward the "Retreat," he had made up his mind exactly what he would do. He was going to see Mrs. Helmsby alone and express his regret that her sister's name had been dragged into such public notice; then he was going to say good-by to Rosamond in a jolly, off-hand, thanks-for-a-pleasant-evening-sort of style; and then he would keep away from her till he sailed for China, for he was going to exchange with Barnette on the "Palos" at Chefoo, a thing easily managed.

And then—well, there would follow some fights between the bad and the good that he supposed was in him, but he would live—people had a way of living, it got to be a habit.

As he turned in at the gate, the muscles about his mouth worked nervously. A few steps and he caught sight, through the lattice of the rickety old summer house, of a figure in a blue and white gingham that he knew. He went straight toward it, and carried out his plans as well as most of us do.

Upon the center table there was a pretty litter of freshly-cut flowers and vases of all sorts of shapes and colors. Rosamond was standing back to get an effect, the pince-nez that Jane allowed her to wear only in the strictest solitude perched upon her nose. She had not heard his approach over the soft grass and started when he greeted her.

"May I sit here out of the way?" he asked, throwing himself down on the steps at the entrance. Her glasses were already dangling by their cord when she answered coldly, but with her unvarying courtesy, going on with her work. The silence was only broken by the children's voices shouting in the distance somewhere.

"What a lovely day yesterday was," came finally from Rosamond.

"Perfect! I noticed it."

"Jane said she supposed you were on duty, as you didn't report to her," and the girl laughed affectedly.

"No, on pleasure," was the brutal answer. The Settlement is small; she knew where he had been, and he knew she knew, and was glad of it. He hadn't thrashed around those courts yesterday for nothing—he was pleased to see he could hurt her vanity, if not her heart.

The calliope would not sit up properly in the big yellow bowl, and Rosamond seized the whole bunch and danced it impatiently up and down and then let it go, and her brown and golden favorites pitched headlong upon the table.

"Some days flowers act nicely and some days they act like—"

"People?" he suggested.

"Exactly," she assented, warmly.

There was a long silence between them. He watched her till his heart ached at the thought of good-by; then he looked away to where the sun glared coldly on the restless bay, where the ships came and went—sometimes forever.

The crow, that had come one day to live with the momban and had been kept for luck, just then came hopping over the lawn to see what was going on in the same house. He knew five o'clock tea was often served out there, and sweet morsels were to be had for the picking up. Wise as he was, the old karasu could only guess at the time of day, but he saw the occupants and it was at least worth while to investigate.

"Kawai, kawai," he croaked. Up the steps he jumped—they were so still, these two! He cocked his head on one side and looked Ackley straight in the eyes, he suggested once more, "Kawai, kawai!"

The ensign broke into a laugh that warmed his heart clean through. He sprang to his feet and went to Rosamond, and he knew that the end had come.

"Do you understand what he said to me?"

"Yes," she answered, her head bent low.

"What did he say?"

"You know, what he always says."

"Perhaps, but tell me."

"He says—well—there's a Japanese legend—"

"Yes?"

"And they say he says, 'Love, love,'"

she almost whispered.

"I had no need of his advice, Rosamond, dear, it's been 'Love, love' with me from the first. I love you and I love you. Don't answer me yet; just let me say sweetheart, my sweetheart, over and over again," he held her hand with both of his against her breast, his voice was quiet, and he felt satisfied and at rest—for an instant, then came the old cry:

"I want you, I need you, the worst sort of way. I'm all jarred and jangled without you. Ah, child, tell me, tell me as gently as you can, if—Rosamond, for God's sake are you amusing yourself? A man's so helpless—"

Was that the gentle, pliable Rosamond? That girl who sprang back and stood there before him, face white, eyes

blazing, and lips trembling so they could hardly speak; who brought her hand down heavily on the table beside her, and said roughly,

"Yes, I'm amusing myself; now go—please."

Then at last he understood, but he did not go. The ancient matchmaker on the top of the summer house fo-



"YES, I'M AMUSING MYSELF; NOW GO, PLEASE."

cusied one heavy eye down through a crack, and apparently was satisfied, for he flew off to the momban-cho with a chuckling croak.

There was no question about it—Barnette of the "Palos" was a fixture at Chefoo, as far as Ackley was concerned.

The awakening kiss had been given the Beauty; there was a new look on her brilliant face, a new tone in her voice as she talked rapidly on, not seeing his absorption in some illuminating thought of his own.

"And Jane and I had an awful scene about it early this morning, right out there by the hedge; and what do you think I did? Oh, you don't know me at all—Jane said she didn't—I was in such a fury I took the rake I was using and whacked off his head! And Jane declares I fairly glared at her."

"Those head, dear? I don't believe I quite—"

"Why the 'Navigators', of course. Look out and see for yourself, and it rolled at our feet and I felt like a murderer, and—it felt nice! Fortunately at that very second Jane got a telegram from Guy, the funniest thing! Let me see how it went. Oh, yes, 'G. O. 307 has struck. Bean and I detached. Be with you first steamer.' You know she always knows everything, so she understood in a twinkling; and she's been crying ever since, she's so absurdly happy. So you see it's the best possible time to win her over. If it were not for the usual flaw of being lumped once more with that dreadful Pussie Bean—but what's the matter? You haven't heard one word I've said!" and her pout gave Ackley an added sense of meanness and claim.

"I've got a bigger piece of news than that," he said, his revelry at an end, and looking very determined as he laid in her hand—the one he had loaned to her for a moment—his orders of detachment. She read, wondered, laughed, and read again, still laughing; then she suddenly stopped, and said, coldly:

"I see perfectly how the mistake was made. It's the Prime girl, and I'm not one particle surprised! For answer he repeated with mock solemnity:

"I, Bertram Ackley, take thee, Rosamond Ackley, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold—"

"Go—hi! I see," came a demure interruption.

He went over it briefly beginning at the dinner, then he cried, excitedly, springing to his feet and coaxing her to hers, holding her off at arm's length.

"Rosamond, I've got it! I've got it! and I won't take 'no' for an answer. The secretary thrusts greatness upon me; the admiral walks off; the captain washes his hands of it; the other fellows laugh. Now, I propose we make the blunder—God save the mark!—good, you and I, within three days, before the flagship hitches up anywhere! Isn't it the right, the only thing to do? Look up, darling; look at me. Now, confess, isn't it artistic?"

He held her face up to him between the palms of his hands.

"It would be artistic," she said, softly, closing her tell-tale eyes.

THE END.

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DECATUR AGENTS, C. F. SCHILLING AND N. L. KROHN.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of William P. Gibson, Deceased. The undersigned, acting as administrator of the estate of William P. Gibson, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated the 14th day of April, 1898.

STANLEY TUCKER, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of John Milburn, Deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of John Milburn, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated the 14th day of April, 1898.

W. H. STARK, Administrator.

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Special Fish Net Curtains, 3½ yards long, at \$1.95 pair.

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Ruffled Muslin Curtains, plain and striped, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.75 pair.

Linen Scrim Curtains, Antique Lace and Insertion trimmed, at \$4.50 and \$5.50 pair.

Swiss Tambour Brussels Net and Point de Esprit Curtains, \$3.95, \$7.50, \$10 and \$12.50 pair.

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Chronic Diseases Cured.

This day of so called "incurable diseases" is past. Owing to the great advances made in science and invention within the past few years. There is hardly a disease that cannot be successfully coped with by the great physician, properly equipped with the genius and knowledge to diagnose the case, and then the newly invented and improved surgical instruments and medicine for treatment.

DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN,

The Famous Specialists, will be in

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DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN

are the greatest specialists in an age of specialty. Added to a great natural inclination, amounting almost to genius, for the investigation of causes and cure of diseases they had the benefit of an education at the greatest medical colleges in America, and subsequent experience and practice in the hospitals of the largest cities of the East. Their starting original discoveries of medical agents and successful application of them to particular classes of diseases, have gained for them a reputation of wide recognition and lasting fame. They are the world's greatest healers, have long been recognized as such and have not even yet reached the zenith of their power.

DO YOU HAVE

Ring in the Ears? Hawking and Spitting? Headache and Dizziness? Difficulty in Breathing? Dropping of Mucus? IF SO YOU HAVE CATARRH.

Beware! Catarrh if allowed to run on leads to Chronic Dyspepsia, Consumption and Death. Drs. Appleman & Prettyman can cure you, if they undertake your case, soon and easily, by a positive painless method of their own discovery, which they have used with invariable success in thousands of cases.

Diseases of the Ear and Eye, nearly all originate with Catarrh. If your case is curable they will tell you so and cure you. A Word to Men.

To those who are suffering from one or more of the various forms of nervous debility, result in some of the following symptoms. Hotches, shames, involuntary emissions, loss of memory, aversion to society, and inability to



work, premature decline of power, etc., etc. Drs. Appleman & Prettyman offer you a speedy and permanent cure in all cases of Catarrh, Gonorrhea, Stricture, Blood Poisoning, Syphilis, Varicose, Scrophulous, Laceration, Prostatitis, Ovarian Difficulties, etc., will speedily disappear. Sterility (Barrenness) is not a permanent condition. You can be cured and find happiness in your life and to others by finding your natural function and making it what it should be.

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clothes which a modern boy will not wear
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money than any others in town.

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most modest purse.

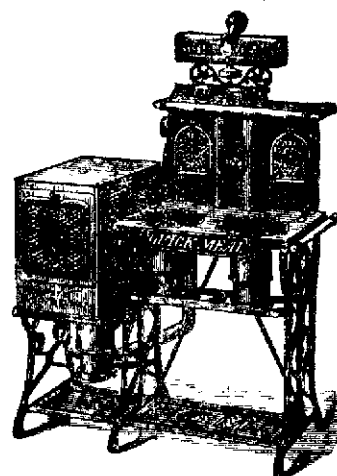
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Mr. C. E. Winans from Edinburgh, Ind.,
is the guest of Mr. H. Tay, 439 East Cen-
ter street. The meetings will be held on
the following evenings: April 18, 20, 22
and 24.—18-d1w

Roast beef and brown gravy at An-
drews' restaurant.—18-2w

The always reliable pianos are the Reed
& Son's instruments on sale only at the
C. B. Prescott music house. Low prices
and easy terms.

The French club met with Miss Lillian
Crenau spent the afternoon in reading
from the literary magazine and the
French history.

The ladies of the Congregational church
will give a thimble party Friday after-
noon from 3 to 6 o'clock at the residence
of J. L. Drake, 943 North Edward street.

THE STAGE.

AGAIN TONIGHT.

The Ferris Comedians continue to de-
light the playgoing public at the Grand.
There was another large audience and a
fine performance last night. Change of
bill for tonight. Saturday matinee at 10
and 20 cents. Saturday night a live pig
will be given away to the winner.

COMING.

Beach & Bowers minstrels will be at
the Grand opera house two nights next
week, April 27 and 28. "The Tarrytown
Widow" will be the attraction on the
night of April 29. That will make up
the bill for the week. The week after
"The Chimes of Normandy" will be given
for the benefit of the W. R. C. and the
week following the Holden Comedy com-
pany will be here all week.

Carriage Drive for Visiting Ladies.

The Woman's club rooms will be open
throughout the day for the entertainment
of the women accompanying the dele-
gates to the T. P. A. convention to-mor-
row. The women of the club and the
wives, sisters and daughters of the mem-
bers of the local T. P. A. post will re-
ceive at the club rooms tomorrow morn-
ing and in the afternoon a carriage drive
will be given to the visitors. A commit-
tee has been appointed from the members
of the Woman's club to assist in receiving
and accompany the visitors in the drive
through the city. The club rooms have
been tastefully decorated in out flowers
and palms and refreshments will be ser-
ved in the dining room between the hours
of 4 and 5 tomorrow afternoon.

District Ministerial Lyceum.

A meeting of the Decatur District Min-
isterial Lyceum will be held at the Meth-
odist Episcopal church at Macon on Mon-
day, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2, 3
and 4. Ministers who will be attendance
from Decatur are Rev. Frost Craft, Rev.
E. B. Rendle, P. E., Rev. A. M. Danely,
Rev. W. F. Gillmore, Rev. Arthur Wells,
Rev. J. G. Jeffers.

2,000 First Class Books

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L. CHESAT'S NEW HOUSE.

Will Come To-Night.

Several of the delegations to the T. P.
A. convention will arrive in the city to-
night. The members of the local post
will hold a meeting at Bixby and Pitner's
office and a committee will be detailed to
go to the depot and meet the visitors who
arrive on the night train.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada
E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken
with a bad cold which settled on my
lungs; coughed in and finally terminated
in consumption. Four doctors gave me
up, saying I could live but a short
time. I gave myself up to my Savior,
determined if I could not stay with my
friends on earth, I would meet my ab-
sent ones above. My husband was ad-
vised to get Dr. King's New Discovery
for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I
gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles.
It has cured me, and thank God I am
saved and now a well and healthy
woman. Trial bottles 10c, at J. E.
King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

CONVENTION

Close of Baptist Sunday
School Institute.

ADDRESS BY MR. GASTMAN

Reviewing the Profitable Work of the
Institute—Points to be Treas-
ured—Resolutions on
the War.

The afternoon session of the Baptist
Sunday school institute on Thursday af-
ternoon was a marked one in the proceed-
ings of the institute. Talks were made
by Rev. J. A. Ford of Lincoln, W. T.
Bridges of Stonington, Rev. A. H. Dalboe
of Danville and Dr. E. A. Stone of Chi-
cago.

Rev. J. A. Ford of Lincoln made the
first address of the afternoon, talking on
"The Bible and How to Study It." He
said:

"The Bible is the book of books, that is
the verdict of the best minds of all ages.
The writers of the Bible represent the
extremes of society all the way from the
fisherman to the throne. It is the same to
king and beggar, to the philosopher and
the child. It speaks to us as immor-
tal beings not as mortals. Nothing in-
spires men like this mysterious influence
we meet in the study of its pages. The
alleged higher criticism of the Bible is
rapidly passing away. It is true that the
Bible is contrary to science, seemingly,
but as we live we discover few things and
we are beginning to find we and not the
Bible are wrong."

The next talk was made by J. C. Chap-
lin of Normal. He spoke of "Class Vis-
itation," in discussing the subject said:

"The teacher is the pastor of the class,
but is not to take the place of the pastor
of the church. But as a pastor of the
church does, the teacher must do visiting.
We should visit for information. You
cannot teach a class until you know the
scholars. Know them in their home and
family circle and in that surroundings.
This visiting may secure co-operation on
the part of the entire family circle and
thus enable the teacher to do his work
with a clearer knowledge of the needs of
his pupils."

Rev. A. H. DuBoe of Danville followed
with a talk on "Teachers' Meetings," and
gave some excellent ideas on this subject.
He was followed by Dr. E. A. Stone, who
spoke of "The Teachers' Library."

At the night session H. R. Chisold of
Chicago was the first speaker. Mr.
Chisold talked on "Spiritual Power,"
and delighted his audience with his en-
couraging thoughts and beliefs in the
demonstrations of this power.

Prof. C. E. Hewitt of Normal made an
excellent address on "Practical Sunday
School Work." He said:

"The purpose of the teacher is three-
fold, to read the head and the heart, and
to put the hands to work. It is for the
building up of the character of the chil-
dren. If it does not accomplish the pur-
pose for which it is meant, then it is not
practical. Some practical things to be
borne in mind are to be prompt, orderly
and spiritual. Simply to tell things is
not to teach. Teaching is developing and
not creating. You cannot create what is
not there, but if it exists you can develop
it. You must give the pupil knowledge
and see that he puts it in action. You
must have the attention of the class, but
to do it you must have constant changes.
Create a habit of study among the pupils.
Let there be a great deal of memorizing
for what is learned in childhood is carried
through life."

The addresses were closed by a five min-
utes talk by Prof. E. A. Gastman, who
talked on what had been accomplished in
the convention. In reviewing the work
of the convention he said:

"We have listened to papers and speech-
es and they have been good ones, but were
largely wasted on the desert air. I am
glad to see that you are taking interest in
the training of teachers. I am glad to
know that you are taking up the things
used in public schools. It is certainly
true that we are progressing a little.
Trained teachers, graded classes and writ-
ten examinations are all good signs.
What shall we expect? Whatever you
want in the church, the Sunday school,
the college, the public school, you may
have if you work hard enough for it. I
believe the Lord God Almighty is ready
to bless any man or woman who wants to
be blessed bad enough to work for it.
Our preacher said in his sermon last Sun-
day that there would be a fight in time
between the Lord Jesus Christ and the
devil and that there would be a triumph
of righteousness. The fight is on here
and now between God and the devil. We
have in this city 50 saloons, with the at-
tending gambling halls and card tables
to lead young men the downward
path. In which side will you stand?"

At the close Rev. S. H. Bowyer an-
nounced that M. E. Ewers was present to
meet the people in the state temperance
work and resolutions were passed thank-
ing the press, Mrs. Lamoreaux, the State
Sunday School Association, the members
of the First Baptist church and all those
who had assisted in making the conven-

tion a success. The following resolution
was also adopted:

"Resolved, That we recognize the aw-
fulness of the situation facing the leaders
of our nation today, and that we accord
to them and to those whom they com-
mand our earnest 'God Be With You,'
and also our prayers that they may be up-
held in this crisis."

The congregation sang "God Be With
You Till We Meet Again," and thus closed
one of the most successful, interesting
and to all, helpful, conventions ever held
by the State Sunday School Association.

AT THE BANQUET.

Toasts to be Given at T. P. A. Feast
Saturday Night.

Dr. W. H. Penhalegon will deliver a
short address on "The Traveling Sales-
man and the Golden Rule," at the state
T. P. A. banquet to be given at the St.
Nicholas Saturday night.

I. H. Snyder will be toastmaster. The
posts and the toasts are as follows:

Post A, Quincy—Social Features of
Conventions.

Post C, Chicago—Our President.

Post D, Springfield—Incidental Ex-
periences.

Post E, Peoria—The Boys We Meet.

Post F, Cairo—Bookkeepers and Ship-
ping Clerk.

Post G, Aurora—The Ladies.

Post H, Canton—The Hotels.

Post I, Joliet—Credit: Every Sales-
man a Credit Man.

Post L, Bloomington—Essentials of a
Good Traveling Salesman.

Post M, Danville—Our Customers.

Post N, Chicago—Our Families.

Post O, Jacksonville—Our Employers.

W. F. Calhoun will respond to the toast
"The Press."

J. G. Bixby of Post K, Decatur, will
respond to "Our Post."

A short dance program has been ar-
ranged to follow the banquet.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The members of the W. C. T. U. held
their regular meeting at the hall at 3:30
yesterday afternoon. The subject for the
meeting was "Liquor on the Congo," by
Stanley. Mrs. B. F. Cloud was in charge
of the meeting and gave an interesting
and comprehensive review of the course of
liquor as Stanley had seen it among the
natives of Africa along the Congo river.
A resolution of thanks was extended by
the society to Mrs. R. G. Simpson, Mrs.
Wm. Brown, the Junior C. E. orchestra
and all others who had contributed in
making the entertainment given by the
Juniors under the direction of Mrs. Simp-
son at the hall on Tuesday evening, a suc-
cess. Mrs. B. F. Cloud has been elected
vice president at large of the local union.
Preparations were made for the gospel
services to be held at the W. C. T. U. hall
next Sunday at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Baadles
will conduct the services and an address
will be made by Rev. W. C. Miller on
"The Life and Works of Francis Wil-
lard."

Will be Five Feet.

The members of the sidewalk and cross-
ing committee held a meeting yesterday
afternoon to decide on the new sidewalk
which it is proposed to be laid on North
Main street. They consulted with City
Engineer Dickerson and visited the street
in a body. At the last meeting of the city
council an ordinance was introduced pro-
viding for the laying of a sidewalk on
both sides of North Main street from the
Wabash railroad to the P., D. and E.
right of way. There was some discussion
as to whether the sidewalk should be five
or six feet wide. The members of the
committee after looking over the ground
decided that they would recommend to
the council that the walk be five feet
wide. There are a good many shade trees
on the street and if the walk was six feet
wide the trees would interfere with it.

Sales of Real Estate.

J. M. Clokey to Bridget Burns, lot 12
in block 10 of East Park Boulevards,
\$1500.

Margaret C. Cooper to Francis M. Hos-
teler, small tracts in 23, 16, 1 east,
\$750.

Robert Taylor, administrator of John
A. Myers, to B. O. McKeenolds, 136 1/2
acres; \$8142.60.

B. O. McKeenolds to Jay B. Taylor,
the above land; \$9142.60.

G. W. Powers to Emily A. Bowers, all
of lot 1 in block 4 of Western addition
and all of lots 2 and 3 of same block ex-
cept 72 1/2 feet off of the west end; \$4500.

Bement Graduates.

Monticello Republican: The Bement
High school will graduate the largest
class of any school in the county, this
year. The class numbers 12, and the
graduating exercises will be held May 12.
The graduates are Cora Ellars, Carrie
Toney, Mary Hawks, Lula Corner, Mag-
gie L. Johnson, Fred Jones, Charles
Knapp, Roy Webb, Dean and Luther
Conway, Harvey Vance and Charles Daw-
son. Prof. Tompkins of the U. of I. will
deliver a lecture at the commencement ex-
ercises.

Decatur Woman's Club Open.

The Woman's club rooms will be open
all day Saturday for the entertainment of
the lady friends of the delegates who will
be in the city. In addition to this, the
wives of all the members of Post K, the
local traveling men's post, are invited to
be present at the Woman's club rooms and
assist in the entertainment of guests.

Three foggy mornings and then rain.

IN THE WEST END

A Bold Burglar Plied His
Nefarious Trade.

HOME OF CLARENCE WAIT

Visited—Propped Open Doors for Has-
ty Exit, and Then, When Taken
by Surprise, Jumped Through
a Window Headfirst.

The west end used to be considered a
good safe part of the city in which to
live, but that reputation has been some-
what disfigured lately by the conduct of a
number of strangers in the city who have
made very free with the property of resi-
dents in that part of the city.

A burglar entered the house of Clar-
ence A. Wait, 808 West North street last
evening. He effected an entrance through
the kitchen window, opened and fastened
open the door leading out onto a back
porch and another door which leads from
the back porch to the yard. The burglar
then went into the dining room and from
there into the sitting room, where he
found a desk in a corner. The desk was
opened and ransacked a large pocket-
book was found in it which from the out-
side gave promise of enough money to
keep a burglar in affluent circumstances
the rest of his life. On opening it, how-
ever, the thief found it contained nothing
but old receipts. This disappointment
did not discourage him, however, and he
went over across the room to where Mr.
Wait keeps his silverware. Some silver
spoons were picked up and placed where
they could be easily reached in a hurry,
and Mr. Burglar proceeded to the next
room. All the time these things were
going on Mr. Wait was calmly sleeping in
the bed room just off the sitting room,
hearing nothing. The burglar must
have been in the house for some time and
the door was strewn with matches which
he had lighted. Evidently the burglar
thought there was no one in the house,
as he went boldly into the bed room, not
forgetting, however, to fasten the door
open as he had the others, so as to be able
to make a quick retreat; and going to a
chest, in which some clothes were hung,
struck a match to see which suit would
be the best suited to his style. Mrs. Wait
saw the light, but was not sure whether
she was asleep or awake and so said nothing
to awaken her husband. The burglar
went from the closet across the room to
where Mr. Wait had his clothes on a chair
near the bed. Mrs. Wait saw him coming
and knew that she was not dreaming and
wakened her husband. The burglar made
a very rapid retreat and Mr. and Mrs.
Wait gave chase. They rushed through
the open bedroom door into the sitting
room, where Mrs. Wait called to her hus-
band to turn on the electric light. This
was done and they both had a good look
at the burglar, who is described as being
a small, smooth shaven, young looking
man. The light suddenly rattled Mr.
Burglar and he forgot where he was.
Turning to a large window in the sitting
room he plunged headfirst through the
glass taking cash and everything with
him. Mr. Wait picked up a piece of the
broken glass and threw it through the
hole, but did not hit the burglar, who
made his escape.

An examination of the house showed
that Mr. Wait was out a good gold watch
which was in his vest pocket, and a suit
of clothes. A pocketbook was also miss-
ing containing about \$2. The police were
at once notified. This morning some
tramps found the clothes in a heap in the
Wabash yards and brought them to police
headquarters, where they were turned
over to Mr. Wait. There is no clue to
the burglar.

Our fresh stock of garden seeds, every-
thing in this line can be had at Leon &
Morris' store, 128 East Wood street.—16-
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To Canvass the Vote.
The members of the city council will
hold a meeting this evening for the pur-
pose of canvassing the vote of the last city
election. At the next regular meeting,
a week from Monday night the new elec-
tion will take their seat to the council
and those who were not re-elected will
retire.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

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At The Chicago
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Sheet Graters.
10c for 25c Lanterns, complete (for can
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1c for Glass Sauce Dishes, worth 25c doz
50c for 98c Bowls and Pitchers.
9c for \$2.50 Library (hanging) Lamps.
(Only a few left.)
\$7.95 for \$12.50 English Porcelain 100
piece Dinner Sets.

Art Pottery for One-Half.
ickens, Royal Flemish, Old Henchin, Radolstadt,
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e and admiration depicted on the face of every
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grouped in a convenient manner to make shop-
See the grouping of beautiful and useful articles
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to cut them one-half. THIS SALE OF-
A RARE CHANCE.

Young 124-126-128
Prairie Avenue.

Mould Your
Boy's Tastes...
Get him into habit of wearing nice clothes
now and he will never be satisfied with
anything else. Be as particular about the
fit and style of his clothing as you are
about your own. He'll repay you by being
a bright boy, who will get the consideration
he deserves. You have no idea how cheap-
ly you can do it.

a Vestee Suit that is a
made of all wool covert
in green broadcloth, in-
on corners of the big
uble rows of pearl but-
coat, pearl chain, braid
at and around collar,
red with silk anchor.

These Are Only Samples.
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plaid Velour Cassimere,
wide brown Soutache
n braid between, on cor-
erlaced braid, vest with
pearl buttons. Exquis-
ages 9 to 15, from—

Rightly Made
Clothing
means a great deal—more perhaps than you think.
Everybody admires a nicely dressed, stylish man.
You do—we do. Few stop to think why he seems
nicely dressed. Few know that it is because his
clothing is rightly made—not necessarily tailor-
made, but RIGHTLY MADE. A rightly made,
ready-to-wear suit will fit just as well, look just as
well, and wear sometimes better than a tailor-made
suit and a RIGHTLY MADE ready-to-wear. We
sell rightly-made clothing.

\$12.50 For handsome Cassimeres,
brown plaids, faced
les—best of workman-
made in cutaway sack
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tting.

\$15 For elegant Suits, correct style
abric, all wool Chev-
Serges and Worsted,
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mixtures, worth more

INE CLOTHING CO.,
32 Years Decatur's Reliable Clothiers.
Water St., Next to Bradley Bros.

WAR

Continued from First Page.

Plan of Blockade at Havana

New York, April 22.—Information has reached the government that large quantities of supplies that may be considered contraband of war are on the way to Havana. Spanish soldiers and other cargoes are being loaded. The blockading of Havana, Matanzas and Santiago de Cuba would serve this purpose, as it would be impossible for the Spaniards to transport supplies from other Cuban coast cities through the intervening insurgent lines. It is considered probable that the line of blockade will be drawn across Havana harbor outside the range of the guns of the shore fortifications so as to avoid a battle before the plans for the investment of Cuba are ready to be carried into operation. Some of our swift cruisers will undoubtedly sweep the small Spanish gunboats from the Cuban coast and will patrol the neighboring waters. It is understood to be the intention of Commodore Sampson to pick up the Havana cable at sea and establish telegraphic communication with Key West cutting the Havana end. The cable between the island of Cuba and St. Thomas and Porto Rico will be cut and Blanco deprived of communication with Spain. Another mission of the fleet will be to prepare for the landing of supplies for the reconcentrados who are now in a more pitiable condition than ever. The food heretofore sent to these unfortunate has been taken by the Spaniards to feed their own troops and unless relief is afforded immediately there will be no reconcentrados left when Cuba is turned over to the republican government.

Revolution.

New York, April 22.—The Herald's St. Thomas special says: Revolution has broken out in the Fonce district of Porto Rico. There is rioting all through the island.

May Take Everything.

Washington, April 22.—Touching the news of the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands reported in a San Francisco dispatch, it is learned here that the president in conversation with senators asked what they thought of the proposition to take the Hawaiian Islands as well as the Philippines, as war measures. Those in favor of the annexation of Hawaii expressed the hope that the dispatch is true.

The Baltimore.

Hongkong, April 22.—The United States cruiser Baltimore has arrived here.

Georgia in Line.

Atlanta, Ga., April 22.—Governor Atkinson has tendered President McKinley the services of the Georgia militia.

Queen Regent Kept Busy.

Madrid, April 22.—The queen regent has had a long conference with General Weyla and European diplomats, and frequent conferences with the minister of foreign affairs.

News from Honolulu.

San Francisco, Cal., April 22.—Advices from Honolulu up to the 14th instant say it is rumored that Minister Sewall and Admiral Miller intended to take formal possession of the islands in the name of the United States as a coaling station on the 15th.

Go After It.

St. John, N. B., April 22.—Incoming ships report a mysterious steamer off Cap Ray. It is rumored that it is a Spanish warship watching for American vessels.

Another U. S. Squadron.

Hongkong, April 22.—The United States squadron is ready for sea.

Patriotism in Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 22.—The city council has passed a resolution that all city employees who volunteer will be allowed 60 days' pay from the time of enlistment and re-installment in present positions after the war is over.

Cavalry Troops.

Chicago, April 22.—The 9th and 10th cavalry passed through this city today en route to Chickamauga.

Blanco's Decree of War.

Havana, April 22.—At 10:30 a. m. Blanco has published a decree declaring the island of Cuba in a state of war. Also annuls the former similar decree granting pardons to insurgents and places martial law over all those guilty of treason and espionage against peace or against the independence of the nation, seditious results attacks against the government or against authorities and against those who disturb the public order, though only by means of printed matter. Delegations of Spanish merchants have offered to furnish free provisions if necessary to the garrison and to the poor.

Spain's Answer.

London, April 22.—Spain, it is semi-officially announced, has declined to act in conformity with the declaration of Paris respecting neutral vessels and neutral goods.

Notification.

Madrid, April 22.—A special says the Spanish government has been officially notified that Great Britain will regard coal as a contraband of war.

BLOCKADE PROCLAMATION.

Washington, April 22.—The following was issued this afternoon:
By the president of the United States. A proclamation:
Whereas, By joint resolution passed by congress and approved April 20, 1898, and communicated to Spain, it was demanded that said government at once relinquish authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters; and the president of the United States was directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and call into actual service the United States militia of the several states to such an extent as might be necessary to carry said resolutions into effect; and
Whereas, In carrying into effect the said resolutions, the president of the United States deems it necessary to act on foot and maintain a blockade of the north coast of Cuba including all ports of said coast between Cardenas and Bahia Honda and Port Cienfuegos on the south coast of Cuba; now, therefore,
I, William McKinley, president of the United States, in order to enforce said resolutions, do hereby declare and proclaim that the United States of America has fortified and will maintain a blockade of the north coast of Cuba, including the ports of said coast between Cardenas and Bahia Honda, and Port Cienfuegos on the south coast of Cuba, after and in pursuance of the laws of the United States and the laws of nations applicable to such cases.
WILLIAM McKINLEY.

No Preaching.
Owing to the illness of Rev. Carl Roeding of the German M. E. church no preaching services will be held at the church next Sunday. Sunday school services will be held at 9:30 o'clock.

No Sunday School.
Because of closing, repairing and decorating being done at the Congregational church there will be no Sunday school next Sunday morning—22nd.

Three foggy mornings and then rain.

ARBOR DAY

Celebrated by S. S. at Wesley—Tree Dedicated to Cuban Independence.

Arbor Day was fittingly observed by the teachers, officers and pupils of the Sunday school of Wesley chapel this morning and in spite of the rain there was a large number assembled at the chapel at 8:30 o'clock and the following program was carried out:
Song, "America"—School.
Recitation, "Arbor Day"—Miss Effie Craner.
Recitation, "Woodman Spare That Tree"—Miss Grace Pope.
Address, "Why the Poem 'Woodman Spare That Tree' Was Written"—Miss Irene Deetz.
Exercise, "Lesson from Nature"—Eight Children.
The program was followed by the dedicatory exercises. An elm tree was planted in front of the chapel and dedicated to the late Roy Hunley, who was organist of the Sunday school. A hard maple was planted in the rear of the chapel and dedicated to T. B. Swing, the first superintendent of Wesley and another maple tree was dedicated to Cuban independence amid loud cheering and with the Cuban flag flying from its branches.

BASE BALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Washington 7, Brooklyn 5.
Boston 10, Baltimore 5.
Philadelphia 10, New York 4.
Cincinnati 11, Pittsburg 6.
Chicago 8, Louisville 2.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Columbus 8, Milwaukee 2.
Indianapolis 11, Detroit 10.
St. Paul 7, Omaha 6.

Austin 8-0, San Antonio 4-1.
Quincy 10, Jacksonville 8.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Addie G. Ditto of Louisville, Ky., is the guest of Miss Mary Clary of 539 West William street.
—Dr. Will Barnes made a professional call at Stonington yesterday.

PAID THE PENALTY.

Wife Murderer Merry Hanged in Chicago.
Chicago, April 22.—Christopher Merry was hanged today at noon for wife murder, committed last November.

May Go Into the Service.
Captain George R. Bacon, a West Point graduate, who in March offered his services to the country in case of war with Spain, was called to Springfield today in consultation with Adjutant General J. W. Vance. The captain did not know last evening in what branch of the service he might be required, but he is ready to act in any capacity. He thinks volunteer troops will be needed to go west to keep the Indians in check while the regular army troops are in the vicinity of Cuba.

Crowds of people stand around the Republican war bulletins all day during these exciting times and read the bulletins from the front. The capture of the Spanish ship was a cause for much rejoicing here today. Many people are wondering how there can be war for awhile anyway, when the Spanish fleet is several hundred miles away from Havana and the flying squadron of the United States is at that place. They will have to get a little nearer together before many shots are fired.

Dorcas Society.
The Dorcas society met with Mrs. Tincher of South Monroe street on Thursday afternoon.

POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

J. P. GIVEN, Manager.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28.
BEACH & BOWERS'—FAMOUS—
MINSTRELS—AND—
FINEST UNIFORMED BAND IN THE WORLD.
30 THIRTY 30
DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS.
A VAST ORGANIZATION.
Beyond question Greater, Better and Superior to all Minstrels of the Past and Present, making it an ideal and Real mobilization of all.
Monarch of the Minstrel World!
Absolutely an Entire Change of Program Since Our Last Visit.
Watch for Our Grand Uniformed Band!
Street Parade at 11:30 a. m.
Admission—10, 20 and 30c.

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Correct Furnishings For Stylish Men.

Neckwear—Tamura Tecks, Apron Tecks, Spread End Four in hands, Narrow Four in hands, English Imperials, Club House Strings, Piccadilly Bowe—every style that's correct and wanted by exclusiveists—checks, plaids, bars, stripes and bold conventional patterns—some of the highest colorings and some of the best materials that we've ever seen combined in a popular price neck tie—only 50c

Soiled Collars—A lot of 15c, 20c and 25c grades—"lay down" and "stand up," sorts—every new and fashionable shape—badly soiled from handling and display. A two cent laundry bill will make them good as new. 10c

Night Shirts—High Grade Muslin and Outing Flannel—some trimmed in a very gay style—others extremely plain and neat—all of our 89c and \$1.00 goods at—63c

The "Lady Bubble"—much the sweetest neck dressing for correctly costumed women—\$1.00 73c and—50c

Men's Black or Tan—Half Hose—well made—complete size line, our regular 15c goods—9c today at—pr—

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Boys' Clothing...

Three Popular Prices.

If you haven't bought the little man his spring outfit, now is the time and here is the place place to do so. The clothing that we sell is absolutely first-class in every essential, is made by a large Eastern concern especially for The Big Store and is priced in every case about one-third lower than exclusive clothiers would call fair figures.

Boys' Spring Suits of all correct fabrics—Double Breasted Reeser Suits—Middy Suits—Vestee Suits—Sigsbee Suits—

\$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95.

Boys' Spring Caps—several new shades—Wool and Wash Materials 25c—the 35c variety for Saturday at—

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Girls Reefers--Dresses

Several special items of more than ordinary interest to economical mothers. Style, fit and material all have their proper consideration and the lowness of the prices is noteworthy.

Children's Reefer Jackets—2 to 6 years—Plain and Fancy Material—Braid trimmed, applique effect—actually good value at \$1.75 98c a special at—

Children's and Misses Reefer Jackets—box or fly front effects—self faced—good collection of plain and novelty goods—actually good value at \$3.25—a special at—\$1.75

Children's Wash Dresses—beautiful new summer fabrics—handomely lace trimmed—edged with Braid—excellent values at 75c. A Saturday special at—45c

Women's Wash Wrappers—worth 75c—at—49c

Women's Lawn Dressing Sacs—worth \$1.00—at—75c

Others to \$2.95. Others to \$2.25.

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Basement Bargains.

It won't be hard to save money Saturday. Folks tell us most every day that our Basement prices are lower by about one-half than at any other store in town. This Basement is a popular resort for housekeepers with correct ideas of economy, and with Saturday's special offers the crowd will doubtless be as large as we can take care of.

American Lava Decorated Caskets only 8c

Shoe Brush and Dauber only 9c

Soft Back Stove Brushes, only 9c

3 Queen Garden Sets—Flowers, Baskets and Spades, only 5c

Heavy Retained Water Dippers, only 3c

Heavy Tin Wash Basins, only 2c

Brass Pad Locks, 12 or 14 inch Turkey Feather Dusters, only 15c

Genuine English Porcelain Decorated Dinner Sets—blue or brown, only \$5.98

Ratherford's New Method Wall Paper Cleaner—I can will clean a large room and make the paper look like new—per can, only 15c

Beautiful Decorated Plates—Dinner, Breakfast or Pie—assorted designs—choice, only 5c

Griddle Iron Fry Pans, only 8c

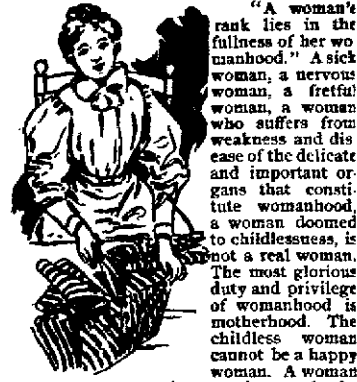
Extra Heavy Wire Dish Drainers, only 5c

1' Upholstery Tack—100 for, only 3c

WE HAVE NO AGENTS

best horse sold direct to the consumer for 25 years at wholesale prices, making him the dealer's profit. Ship anywhere for examination. 25 styles of Harness. Top Regard \$25 to \$75. Harness, \$10 to \$12. Carriage, \$100 to \$150. Wagons, \$10 to \$15. Spring Rides and Milk Waggons. Best for large farms. Catalogue of all our styles. Write upon card and receive.

W. E. PRATT, Prop., ELKHART, IND.



"A woman's rank lies in the fullness of her womanhood." A sick woman, a nervous woman, a fretful woman, a woman who suffers from weakness and ease of the delicate and important organs that constitute womanhood, a woman doomed to childlessness, is not a real woman. The most glorious duty and privilege of womanhood, is motherhood. The childless woman cannot be a happy woman. A woman who never knows the caressing touch of a first-born's fingers, cannot know the full measure of happiness possible to a woman.

There are thousands of unhappy women who go through life without knowing the supreme happiness of motherhood, who go each day through a faithful but weary round of work, and live almost loveless and usually pain-racked lives, because they neglect to take care of themselves in a womanly way. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the most wonderful of all medicines for ailing women. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs that make motherhood possible. It makes them well and strong. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. It banishes the dangers of maternity. It does away with the discomforts of the period of anticipation and makes baby's coming easy and almost painless. It insures the new mother's health and an ample supply of nourishment. Thousands of homes that only lacked a baby as a final binding tie, now bless this marvelous remedy for the ring of childish laughter. It soothes pain, tones the nerves and makes a woman's work easy. All medicine dealers sell it.

"I miscarried four times," writes Mrs. Florence Hunter, of Cortez, Logan Co., Ark. "Then, after taking four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, I made my husband a present of a fine, healthy girl."

Thin, sugar-coated granules that always cure biliousness and constipation—Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate and invigorate the stomach, liver and bowels. All good medicine dealers have them. Nothing else "just as good."

SALE GOES ON.

A line of Brussels Carpet at—
1/2 Usual Prices.

Body Brussels 65c, Moquettes 50c up. Wall Paper (all grades) 1c up. These are sample prices only—other big bargains.
J. W. RACE,
Assignee Abel Carpet Co.

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J. F. GIVEN, Manager.

ONE JOLLY WEEK

Commencing MONDAY, APRIL 18.
The Great Fun Makers,
...FERRIS' COMEDIANS...

Opening Bill,
Greased Lighting...

TWENTY-TWO SPECIALTIES.
—PRICES—10c, 20c and 30c.

Ladies Free Monday Night only, if accompanied by the holder of a paid 20c ticket. They must be reserved however, before 6 o'clock on Monday.

Seats on sale Friday morning.

Bargain Week

PRICE
Only \$23.50.

Manufacturer's Price.....\$60
Sold on 30 Days' Trial

and money refunded if you do not consider it as good as any machine in town regardless of the price asked.

J. G. STARR & SON,
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Sold on the easiest kind of—
EASY PAYMENTS.

Your own terms go with us bargain week.

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WOMAN AND A BOSS.

Here Is One Matron at Least Who Seen Many Advantages in Masculine Culture.

Many women there are who love to hold forth on the pleasures of having one's own way in all matters, but there is a hollow ring in such assertions, recently remarked a Chicago matron whose years and experience have presumably brought her wisdom. While her words were not intended to be taken as a personal confession, she did not hesitate to say that feminine minds usually welcomed masculine direction, particularly in important matters. Continuing, she involved herself still further in what some up-to-date women may consider rank heresy, as follows:

"Woman likes to be bossed by man. There is no getting around this fact. She may assert and reassert her love of independence and her dislike of what she calls domineering men, but, all the same, she prefers such men to those whom she can dominate. Woman nature is woman nature the world over. The police officers and magistrates who have made a study of the question say that the uneducated woman of the slums who is accustomed to receive periodic beatings from her husband loves him all the better for that reason. A refined woman who would hate a man if he used violence toward her will never love him, to put it mildly, unless he dominates her mentally. After all, the spirit is the same in the women of both degrees. Equal righters and woman suffragists can prate all they please about the only happy relations between man and woman being that where neither bosses the other and each has the same mental, moral and physical rights. There is no such relation and never will be, so long as man nature is man nature and woman nature is woman nature."

"In every relation of life between a man and a woman—in acquaintance, in friendship, in sweethearthship and in marriage—either the man rules the woman or the woman rules the man. Both are much happier if the former condition exists and the relation will continue much longer. If a man wants to hold a woman's interest let him master her. Of course, there are ways and ways of mastering a woman, and a clever man will never go at it in an aggressive I-will-boss-you-or-die manner." — Chicago Chronicle.

MINERAL WEALTH OF CHINA.

Iron Is Found In Abundance as Well as Coal—Immense Possibilities in the Mines.

Between Hunan and Shansi lie the mines of Lushan and Juchuan, Honan-fu, Taihangshan and other districts of Hunan, which stretches from the Yangtze-kiang to the Hoang-ho. This last river forms the southern boundary of Shansi, which has 630,000,000 tons of the best anthracite waiting to be tapped. The coal measures of this province are found on a plateau between 2,000 and 3,000 feet above the sea at its southeastern extremity, and the main bed covers over 14,000 square miles. The average width of the seams is nearly 20 feet.

The crowning merit of the Shansi coal fields is that, as in Hunan, iron is found abundantly in several strata of the coal formation. The natives use only one kind of this ore—a kind that melts readily without the aid of any flux. A fairly large iron manufacturing industry is already carried on, and in spite of the crude methods of preparation the product is of high quality. The reason mainly of the superiority of the raw material.

Just try to imagine for one moment the completeness of the revolution that would be effected by the introduction of western works, equipped with western machinery and appliances, into the heart of the great mineral producing district of Shansi. Exercise your imagination a little more and try to realize the change that would come over China in its internal and external conditions and relations if the government were suddenly to resolve upon an organized and determined endeavor to develop all the resources of the country and were to carry out its resolve by the removal of all disabilities now existing in the shape of vexatious internal taxes and jealous dislike of innovations, by the grant of direct mining licenses on reasonable royalties and by the provision of rapid and cheap means of communication. Such a social revolution as this is a dream of the distant future, but it seems destined to be realized. Meanwhile a start has been made, and if the progress should prove to be slow let it be remembered that, apart from its troubles from without at present, the government, under the peculiar fiscal system that prevails, is very poor.—Chambers' Journal.

THE QUEEN'S OWN BREAD.

Queen Victoria, while by no means addicted to epicurean tastes, has various little fancies in the matter of diet. Some years ago a Turin specialty of ordinary bread, called grissini, came under the queen's notice during one of her visits abroad, and she found it so nutritious and palatable that she gave orders for a constant supply to be sent for the royal table. The news of the queen's latest fancy speedily became known, and the result was that a special establishment for the making of grissini bread was started in London, and from it a daily supply is forwarded to the particular place where the court is staying.—Washington Star.

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